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## Memorandum

To: Field Manager, Malheur Field Office

From: Realty Specialist

Subject: Description of Alternative Detour Route for U.S. Highway 20 Bridges Replacement Project

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) submitted an application for a temporary use permit (TUP) on December 10, 2003 to authorize the use of a portion of the old U.S. Highway 20 right-of-way for the detour of traffic in order to replace the bridge at Horseshoe Bend near Juntura, Oregon and at Namorf (Diversion). ODOT has since decided to construct a temporary bridge north of and adjacent to the existing bridge at Horseshoe Bend, to be located within the existing right-of-way. All ODOT work related to bridge replacement occurring within the existing right-of-way would be addressed by the environmental analysis done by FHWA. Therefore, the TUP for ODOT for Namorf (Diversion) would be 40 feet in width, 3,400 feet in length and would contain 3.12 acres, more or less.

Midvale Telephone Cooperative submitted an application for a TUP based on the same routes as ODOT. Midvale would still need a TUP for the Horseshoe Bend detour since this activity is not specifically authorized by existing Right-of-Way OR 39898. All work would be conducted on previously disturbed ground and the proposed action would qualify as being categorically excluded from NEPA documentation, as was the originally proposed action. The length needed at Horseshoe Bend is 164 feet. When this is added to the 200 feet needed at Namorf (Diversion), the total dimensions of the TUP would be 15 feet in width, 364 feet in length and would contain 0.13 acres, more or less.

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I concur: s/Tom Hilken, Acting Date: May 17, 2004  
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